



SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 1, 1910.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Be happy, and if you can't be happy be as happy as you can.

THE GAZETTE'S GREETING.

The Gazette starts on its one hundred and eleventh volume today, and in doing so extends the compliments of the season to its many readers, and with the warmest hope that the same tranquility with which our city has been blessed during the past year may be continued. Similar greetings have for over a century been tendered by the Gazette. The early addresses were to many who were ex-continental soldiers, subsequently to veterans of the second war for independence, then to Americans returning home from Mexico, and in this day to the remnant of another band of patriots who survived the four years' civil war. Many changes have taken place in our beloved city during all these years, and generation has succeeded generation, but the interest in the old home paper has been transmitted from one to the other, and today it is being read by many who cannot remember the Spanish American war.

The Gazette has ever been a much-prized adjunct to Alexandria homes as well as to many throughout the Congressional district, and in by-gone years, when but one mail a week reached certain localities, the arrival of the paper was earnestly anticipated, and it was read and reread by subscribers and neighbors.

Times change and people change with them, and much more is expected from a newspaper now than in by-gone days. There is a greater demand upon the Gazette's columns as time goes on, and to meet all these requirements will be the steady aim of its publishers.

The telegraph and telephone service has almost superseded the exchange list and the country letters, depended upon in past years in the preparation of a newspaper. There is no such thing as waiting for news, but it is fluttering about the editor's head all the time, and the grasping of the situation and the writing up and compiling of a modern newspaper every day requires the closest application and observation, as well as unremitting labor. Notwithstanding all these, the Gazette, to use a modern phrase, is seldom "decapitated," each issue containing all the important news of the world, state and city.

The publishers will, as ever, give the Gazette their undivided attention, and no pains or expense will be spared in continuing its standard and in making it an essential to all classes.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

From time immemorial every nation has celebrated its new year. This is shown as far back as history goes, and almost since the beginning of the present era civilized nations have observed in one way or another the first day of January. It has been shown that the day was observed in Rome as far back as the time of the Julian reformation of the calendar. It was for a long time linked with the celebration of Saturnalia of the last days of the preceding month, but later New Year's day assumed an individuality which it still maintains. It was at one time looked upon as a holy day when the earlier Christians read their sacred writings and engaged in meditation and acts of charity. It is still observed in the same spirit in some parts of the world.

In our southern country New Year's Day has never appealed to most people, probably from the fact that it follows so closely in the wake of Christmas, but in the northern section the reverse prevails. There more interest centers on New Year's Day than on Christmas. There are, however, many in the south who keep open house and exchange visits on that day. This, however, is a measure owing to the fact that the first of January is the ending of the Christmas season, and the cheer incident to New Year's Day is regarded as the last act of the season.

Apart from Bailey's comet there are no strange celestial or terrestrial signs before us at present, and so far as can be seen, there is every reason to believe that the history of the year upon which we have entered will be similar to that of its predecessor. Christmas chimes are still ringing in our ears, and the angels' words, "Peace on earth, good will to men," taken up over nineteen hundred years ago and repeated throughout the civilized world but a week ago are still in the air. May they continue to be heard until they mingle with the bells which will ring in the year 1911.

MRS. DE THEBES has already come out with her prophecies for the year 1910. She seems to have survived all the revolutions, social upheavals and earthquakes she predicted in previous years. According to the "prophecies," the year 1910 will be one of fire. It will be un-

der the influence of the sun, and the result will be that human minds, like things material, will become overheated. France will experience it at its worst, and will be, so to speak, incandescent. Commerce will extend and arts will reach the pinnacle of perfection. Spring will take the place of winter and earthquakes and volcanoes will bring disaster to many localities. Men's brains, again, will be in rebellion, and savants will make amazing discoveries, especially in aviation. Common mortals will be seized with cacoethes scribendi and many an editor will be smothered to death under huge heaps of rejected manuscripts. The French aristocracy is to be implicated in a great conspiracy. England will have a revolutionary explosion; Russia and Belgium will undergo great changes; Spain and Germany will be stirred by popular movements and a great conflict will be brewing between Europe and Asia. The year will be a lucky one for all those born between July 21 and August 21. The concluding prophecy is comforting. Women's fashions are to improve, and the present monstrous hats will give way to trimmings of "petite chapeaux."

THE observation of the great apostle that riches take unto themselves wings is often verified. Greatly charged by his three-month's incarceration, Carl Fischer Hansen, the well-known New York philanthropist lawyer, was released from the Blackwell's Island penitentiary yesterday, having served his sentence for subornation of perjury in the Macaluso case. He declared that his entire worldly possessions were the black suit of clothes and five dollars which are given to all prisoners. His wife, who was the only daughter of Isaac Brokaw, the millinaire clothing manufacturer, has utterly cast him off; he has been disbarred by the courts and he declares that he has not a friend or a single bright prospect in the world. He says he does not know where to go or what to do.

A BRITISH railway train is the safest place on earth, as only one passenger in every 70,000,000 is killed and one in every 2,800,000 injured. This deduction is based upon a careful survey of the board of trade report on railway accidents during the year 1907, and is a sad commentary on the safety of railroad travel in this country.

CONGRESS is about to investigate the high cost of living. Congress won't have to go far behind the tariff to find one of the causes.

From Washington.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, Jan. 1.

W. P. Hubbard, representative of the First West Virginia district, has formally announced his candidacy for the seat of N. B. Scott in the United States Senate at the expiration of Scott's term in 1911.

The conference being held here attempting to effect mediation for the switchmen's strike in St. Paul has been held over for Monday morning. President H. B. Perdue, head of the railway branch of the A. F. of L., hopes on Monday to complete his argument for the switchmen's side and to start on final consideration of the points in dispute. The case of the railroad has been presented in a brief. Mr. Perdue is today in consultation with officials of the American Federation of Labor.

Arrival of Survivors.

New York, Jan. 1.—Capt. C. Nickerson, of the founded British ship *Johanna*, which sailed from Lillo, in the Philippines, on April 27, with a valuable cargo of sugar, and went down off Cape Hatteras on November 25, and 11 of the surviving members of the crew, arrived here today aboard the Quebec line steamer *Korona*.

The second boat, containing twelve of the crew, has not yet been heard from, since it put off from the *Johanna* and here is little doubt that the boat was lost.

LAST CHARTER OF THE YEAR.

The last charter of the year was issued by the State Corporation Commission in Richmond yesterday, when the papers allowing the Atlantic Ice and Coal Corporation of Richmond to begin business were signed and submitted to record. The state received a fee of \$800 for the charter, that being the fee for a concern which has an authorized maximum capital of \$8,000,000. The minimum capital is \$30,000.

This is, perhaps, the largest concern that has been chartered since the Corporation Commission was organized. The promoters are all residents of the south with Ernest Woodruff, of Atlanta, president.

The promoters are authorized to build electric and power plants, cold-storage houses, ice factories and to engage in the mining of coal. Of the authorized capital \$8,000,000 is to be preferred and \$5,000,000 common stock. The shares are placed at \$100 each.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Twenty-two persons were injured as the result of the gas explosion at the Place Viger station of the Canadian Pacific Railway, at Montreal Canada, early today.

Wireless messages received today in New York, tell the breaking down at sea of the third Clyde line vessel to suffer mishap in the past few weeks. The latest victim was the *Algonquin*, a passenger steamer, tow in the freight trade. After two days of severe blizzard, the *Algonquin*, from Boston to Galveston, broke off her left shaft off Body Island, on the North Carolina coast, last night at midnight. *Algonquin* is now bound for New York, in tow of the *Apache*.

The first declaration that there are inhabitants on Mars and that they are present rapidly adding to the series of canals on that planet, the statement by Prof. Percival Lowell, is today exciting great interest in Boston scientific circles.

Head-on Collision.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 1.—In the worst head-on collision in the history of the Wilmington, Newcastle and Southern Railway today, seven persons were hurt, one perhaps fatally. The most seriously injured is Samuel Toppin, motorman on one of the cars. The accident occurred seven miles below this city on a single line of track and was due to a heavy fog, the road being along the Delaware river. The cars collided with such force that they piled into each other half their length.

News of the Day.

Many belated Christmas packages were burned when fire destroyed offices and warehouses of the American Express Company in New York city yesterday. The loss amounted to about \$500,000.

Charles W. Morse has made his last fight and will go to Atlanta Sunday morning there to begin the sentence of fifteen years imposed upon him by New York more than a year ago for violating the banking laws.

F. J. Jernyn, declared to be a member of the millionaire Scraton, Pa., family of coal operatives, was knocked down by a street car in San Francisco today and very seriously injured. He was rushed to a hospital where, it is said, his recovery is improbable.

William B. Shaw, a familiar figure in Washington, conspicuous as a newspaper correspondent and said to be the first to send news from there by telegraph to any out-of-town paper, died at his home in Washington yesterday evening. He was 80 years old.

With Senator Hale, of Maine, chairman of the committee on appropriations, the president talked over the question of government expense yesterday. It was understood after the conference that he was in thorough accord with Mr. Taft. He believed it was possible for the government to save almost \$100,000,000 each year.

The governors of the New York stock exchange have received the report of the committee appointed to investigate the Rock Island scandal of Monday morning, when the stock advanced from 60 1/2 to 81 and as suddenly receded again. The report will be acted on on January 19. Although the strictest reserve is being maintained, it is generally believed that the closing of the "Rock Island incident" will be accompanied by disciplinary measures.

Forty-four thousand acres of the Dismal Swamp was sold today by William N. Camp and wife, of Osceola, Fla., to the Camp Manufacturing Company, of Franklin. The price was not given out, the consideration mentioned in the deed being \$5. This property was granted to Nathaniel and William Nelson by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1781. It is valuable chiefly for the timber and associations, romantic and historic, unless some millions of snakes, deer, wildcats and other jungle beasts may be accounted assets.

Two women, one a girl of twenty, half clad and shivering, were rescued by detectives from a Chinese den on the seventh floor of an old building in Chicago late Thursday afternoon. Liu Kwei, a Chinese merchant, found with the women, is under arrest. "I want to leave this place, but the Chinaman won't give me my clothing," said one of the girls as she shivered. "Yes, they bring other girls here. Sometimes there are 15 or 20 girls." King denied the young woman's story, and said he had never refused to give her her clothing.

Three hundred feet of the false structure of the McKinley bridge, now under construction across the Mississippi river at St. Louis, was knocked out by an ice jam yesterday evening. Sixty men were thrown into the river, and some of them may have been drowned. One hundred and thirty men were at work on the structure when the jam began to move. Seventy of them heard the warning snap of the timbers in time to escape to the steel work, but 60 fell with the twisted mass of timbers, three hoisting engines and a traveling crane. The damage is estimated at \$20,000.

Virginia News.

The ordinance providing for the removal of all hanging signs and awnings in Staunton, went into effect today.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to William H. Cornell and Daisy F. Hildman, both of Purcellville, and to Charles E. H. Cobb and Marguerite V. Drowne, both of Alexandria.

Rev. Robert Gatewood, for many years prominent in Norfolk, as a clergyman and educator, died yesterday from the effects of paralysis. He was 30 years old and a native of Norfolk.

Following a stroke of paralysis sustained a week ago, Miss Harriet Cooper, member of an old and well-known Clarke county family, died at her home at Byce, a few days ago in the sixty-seventh year of her age.

Dr. Lawrence T. Price, a captain of the First battalion, First regiment, has been elected major of the battalion, succeeding Maj. Hamilton Cary, resigned. Dr. Price has been surgeon of the battalion for several years.

J. W. Hough, of Norfolk, formerly of Loudoun, who was tendered a position on the staff of Governor-elect Mann, has declined the honor. Governor Mann will, it is stated, appoint Mr. Hough to a position on the state board of charities and corrections.

The marriage of Miss Beattie B. Ball to Mr. Joseph Shue, of Parkersburg, took place Thursday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Ball, of Leesburg. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Burkhardt.

After a two-year trial of no saloons, Berryville again went "dry" in a local option election held in Berryville magisterial district. The "dry" majority was increased eight votes out of a total of 231 votes over the result of two years ago. The vote was 152 for the "drys" and 79 for the "wets." Two years ago the "dry" majority was 65.

Mistaken for a burglar, R. S. Jeter, a fireman on the Southern Railway, who resides at South Boston, was shot three times Thursday night by Jeff Ooles, a merchant of Danville. Ooles sleeps in his store near the railway yards and was aroused about midnight by the crashing of a pane of glass and seeing some one apparently trying to enter the store. Ooles immediately telephoned the police. Jeter it is thought, wandered to the store while in a drunken condition.

Petitions calling upon the anti-saloon league of Virginia to declare for statewide prohibition and upon the legislature to provide an election at which the people of the state may say whether or not the manufacture and sale of liquor shall be suppressed in the state as a whole are now being circulated in Norfolk. These petitions sent out by the anti-saloon league headquarters in Richmond, call for prompt action and ask that the petitions be in by January 17. They came to J. W. Hough, president of the anti-saloon league of Norfolk.

The Market.

Georgetown, D. C. Jan. 1, Wheat 112-120

Today's Telegraphic News

The President's Reception.

Washington, January 1.—Today was held the first annual New Year's reception of the new administration, which was attended by thousands—from the courtly members of the diplomatic corps to the plainest of the people.

Long before the White House doors were opened the crowds began to assemble in the president's front yard. It was a motley gathering.

As the hall clock in the White House struck eleven and four buglers stepped from the band and sounded the presidential fanfare, the president and Mrs. Taft left the second floor and started down the main staircase. With the vice-president and Mrs. Sherman and the cabinet members and their wives, they took up their position at the southern end of the blue room. The ladies stepped to the right and formed a part of the receiving line. Then began the brilliant, formal reception of the diplomatic corps.

Only one thing that has characterized White House New Year's receptions in the past was lacking. That was the gathering of specially invited guests who in former administrations crowded the blue room. The sole permanent occupants of the room today were President Taft and his official family. Mrs. Taft's health has forced the curtailment of social festivities at the White House, and it was thought best to conserve her strength on this occasion by omitting the personal guests.

A gorgeous procession of diplomats, clad in brilliant panoply of the court, the spectacle of the occasion. Led by the Italian ambassador, Baron Mayor des Planches, the dean of the diplomatic corps, and followed by the entire body of accredited foreign representatives, they entered from the south door and with great formality made their way to the host and hostess. With each ambassador were, the members of his suite and their wives.

At the rear of the ambassadorial procession came the brilliant suite of Baron Yanyan Uchida, the new Japanese ambassador, who arrived in Washington a little more than a week ago.

The ministerial parade was led by the representative from Costa Rica, Senor Calvo. Chang Yin T'ing, the new Chinese minister, was mildly received only about a week ago, and he was the last of the diplomats, but the brilliant Oriental appearance of his train more than made up for the rear end position.

When the gaily apparelled diplomats had filed past the receiving line, and had been cordially greeted, the venerable Chief Justice Fuller led the associate justices of the Supreme Court and other members of the judiciary. Then came former cabinet members, United States ambassadors and ministers and members of Congress. There were but few of the latter, the holiday season having sent most of them to their homes.

There were some interesting situations as a result of the present status of national politics. Among them in the small congressional delegation that attended was representative Markock, leader of the House insurgents, an avowed foe of the congressional organization. Despite his insubordination, Markock was greeted warmly by the president. Another stranger within the gate was G. Ford Pinchot, of the Forestry Service, whose bureau is to be investigated by Congress as a result of the Billinger-Pinchot controversy. Pinchot was also greeted warmly by the president, and a moment later was vigorously shaking the hand of Secretary of the Interior Billinger, a little way down the receiving line. Speaker Cannon breezed in just about an hour after the congressional delegation had been received.

The buglers sounded another call, and representatives of the army and navy filed into the room. Decked in all the glory of full dress uniforms, the military and naval officers made a brilliant showing. They were the last of the uniformed visitors.

They were followed by the civilian officials of the government and representatives of various organizations.

Some delay and confusion resulted because the members of the societies were about fifteen minutes behind their schedule. The line had been moving with great rapidity and for a few moments the receiving line was idle. When this delay occurred the common people were started in ahead of their turn. After a goodly number had passed through the civil officials appeared and the plain people's line was broken to allow to file through the blue room. The difficulty was soon straightened out.

Then there was a pause. Mrs. Taft and the ladies of the cabinet departed for the refreshments which the hostess always serves on New Year's Day, to the wives of the cabinet members. The president extended his smile a little more, the cabinet members braced themselves, and the plain people were given a chance.

There was no gorgeous display to greet the throng that came through. There was no Bacchanalian hurdy about the process, everyone had time to say "Happy New Year, Mr. President," and to receive a dignified handshake, and a word of greeting in return.

The Marine Band, which up to now had been filling the White House with the impressive strains of classical music, broke into "Hail, the Conquering Hero Come." But there was not speed enough in that and soon they were silencing the occasion with ragtime making the line move faster to keep up with the music.

Several secret service men stood just down the line of callers ahead of the president keeping a keen watch on each man or woman that passed. They made sure that none carried a package and they saw to it that no one approached the president with a hand behind his back, or in his pocket.

White, black, yellow, and red were in the lengthy line that filed in and out of the blue room. There were all shapes, sizes, and manner of men women and children.

Gorgeously arrayed diplomats came and went; sombre judges passed; smart army officers strode by; plain American citizens hurried through; but solid and stationary, on constant duty, expressing greeting and farewell until the last of the common people had filed out, was the "jolly good fellow" Taft smile.

Alleged Assassination Plot.

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—That four assassins have been hired to kill Estrada, leader of the Nicaragua revolution that ended in the flight of President Zelaya to Mexico, is the news that came today to Estrada's representative here.

New Year's Fatalities.

New York, Jan. 1.—New Year's revelry ended in three tragic deaths today on the Hudson and Manhattan Railway, known as the Hudson tunnel system connecting New York and New Jersey under the Hudson river. Irving P. Loewy, of New York, August Walker, of Jersey city, met death at an early hour in an elevator accident at the exchange place station in Jersey city, and Charles Swig, of New York died from injuries received in falling down the Twenty-third street steps.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—One alleged murder and two attempted killings, all the direct result of New Year's eve celebrations were reported to the police today. Irving Stafford was seeing the old year with his sweetheart, Mabel Nansen, when the couple got into a quarrel. After a war of words, the girl suddenly seized a case knife and plunged it into Stafford's heart, killing him instantly. She was arrested.

Harry M. Oate, an electrician, after a New Year's celebration went to call on Mrs. Florence Oliver, his sweetheart, he found her in company of Cornelius Luterman, and shot Luterman five times in the head and breast. Luterman will die.

Harry Featherstone is dying in a local hospital with two bullets in his lungs, fired from the revolver of Policeman Maloney during a disturbance.

Miss de Janon's Whereabouts.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—That Roberta de Janon, the 16-year-old daughter of Ferdinand de Janon, a New York broker; and heiress and granddaughter of a millionaire seed merchant of this city, is in New York city penniless and abandoned by Frederick Cohen, a former Bellevue-Stratford hotel waiter, with whom she is alleged to have eloped several days ago, is the latest conclusion of the police based on a mysterious letter said to have been received by special delivery from that city today.

The letter, addressed to Robert Buis, grandfather of the missing girl, it is asserted, was in the girl's handwriting. The contents of the letter have not been revealed, but it is intimated that the epistle contains information regarding the whereabouts of the girl. Police believe that Cohen, frightened by the notoriety which has followed the elopement, abandoned the girl.

Mrs. Ellis's Injuries Serious.

New York, Jan. 1.—Swathed in bandages, Mrs. Charles E. Ellis, who was hurled almost to death before hundreds of merry guests celebrating the birth of the new year at the Cafe Martin last night, is lying today at the New York hospital in a stupor, under the influence of powerful drugs administered to quiet her agony of pain. Neck and shoulders, face and hands were scorched almost to a crisp by the flames which formed a pillar about the screaming woman in a balcony corner of the cafe while terrified guests rushed to her aid or fled in panic from the room. Physicians and nurses are today exerting every effort to save her life. Her beauty is gone. And if she ever leaves the hospital it will be for her home, never again to join such brilliant assemblages as that in which she moved in the time of the accident which put the stamp of tragedy on one of New York's great new year's celebrations. Physicians who are attending her declare that her condition is serious.

Arrest of Suspects.

San Lucas, Spain, Jan. 1.—The police are convinced today that the arrest last night of three Germans, two Frenchmen and an Italian frustrated a grand plot, of which King Alfonso was to have been the victim.

King Alfonso passed through San Lucas yesterday en route to Granada, for the New Year's fetes, and the suspects who, it develops, are well-known anarchists, were attracted here by his presence.

Their coming, however, had been tipped off to the police and they were arrested before having a chance to get near Alfonso. The police at first announced that the men were arrested simply because they could not explain their presence in the city.

The Morse Case.

New York, Jan. 1.—The appeal of Charles W. Morse, former ice king, seaman's magazine and frozen financier for a pardon, as his last hope of escaping a fifteen-year sentence in the federal prison in Atlanta, Ga., will meet with the bitterest kind of opposition. Morse and his friends admit that he is doomed to go to prison in the southern city unless President Taft interferes with executive clemency, and it is their intention soon to appeal to the president to exercise his power. An appeal for pardon will be met with opposition.

Collapse of Decker.

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—The "tween decks of the tramp steamer Luckenbach, lying off lower Canton, in Baltimore harbor, collapsed today, burying a number of men. Four bodies have already been taken out of the hold and more can be seen. Just what caused the accident is not as yet known. The number of killed or injured will not be ascertained until a thorough survey of the vessel is made.

Gaynor Assumes Mayoralty.

New York, Jan. 1.—Wm. J. Gaynor walked into the mayoralty office at noon today, and George B. McEllen walked out—the first with a stride, which his more enthusiastic friends are already predicting, will land him in the White House if he can keep it up; the second retiring with few regrets from any quarter into something not far from political oblivion.

Earthquake Shocks.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—An earthquake shock was recorded on the seismograph at St. Louis University early today. The disturbance continued thirty-four minutes and twenty seconds. Father Gesse of the University, says the shock moved from west to east and he believes it started somewhere in the Pacific Ocean and moved towards the Atlantic coast.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—An earthquake shock lasting about two hours were recorded today in the seismograph at the State Museum. The shock began at 5:08 and although the instrument registered disturbances for two hours the most violent period was at 5:19. It is thought here that the earthquake occurred in Mexico.

WOMEN CALLED DOWN.

The effort of P. P. Murray, the proprietor of Park Hotel, Richmond, in seeking to procure a liquor license ceased a demonstration in the Hastings Court of that city yesterday, when a bevy of

W. C. T. U. workers laughed derisively at the testimony of one of Murray's witnesses, who termed the proprietor a Christian gentleman. The courtroom was thronged with ladies. When the applicant for license appeared with his witnesses as to character, the women sat up and listened.

"Mr. Murray has the reputation of a Christian gentleman," said a witness, and the women broke out in laughter. With a bang Judge Wells, of Manchester, who was presiding in the absence of the regular judge, brought his gavel down and, with some degree of feeling, reprimanded the ladies, cautioning them against any further disrespect to the court or the witnesses. Furious blushes overspread the faces of the white ribbons.

Murray is a traveling salesman. He knows nothing of the whisky business. The license of Park Hotel was revoked recently. Murray has assumed charge as manager. He has conducted the hotel along clean lines since he has had the business. The liquor license was granted.

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS.

Virginia Highlands is to be the name of a fire-proof, suburban settlement occupying the beautiful hills south of Arlington.

Work will soon be started on one of the most interesting suburban development enterprises in this vicinity. The site selected is an ideal one, being on a plateau higher than the pinnacle of the Capitol dome, and affording a wonderful view over Washington and the Potomac.

It has a frontage of several thousand feet on Mount Vernon avenue, which will be made a National Boulevard, and is adjacent to our line, with only a few minutes ride to this city.

This will be a rural and at the same time a convenient home place.

It is proposed, at once, to construct an attractive electric car station, and in short make every city improvement. The land has already been subdivided, streets have been laid out and graded, and upon some of the avenues trees have been planted. The work will be rushed, sidewalks, water service, and trees planted, so that with the ten residences complete in the spring, this attractive home place will appear as almost to have been built by magic.

It is proposed to make sale of houses and lots on easy terms.

Construction will be largely of brick and concrete, and the entire group of houses will be fire-proof.

The majority of the homes will be of a four, five and six room type, the bungalow type will predominate. Many homes will have flat roofs, and these will be utilized as roof gardens, from which an exquisite view can be enjoyed.

The company will be composed of men high in business and professional circles, and the enterprise will be capitalized largely by New York parties, although it is proposed to place a small portion of the stock in this city.

The enterprise is being undertaken from a commercial, rather than from a philanthropic standpoint, although it is proposed to demonstrate here, near the national capital, the possibility of construction by modern methods artistic, substantial, and sanitary houses at moderate cost.

The first lots will be sold at approximately the cost of improvements and the land will advance rapidly in value as these improvements are carried out.

The tract purchased is known as Addison Heights, comprising over one hundred acres, just south of Arlington.

Among those who will be prominent in the direction of the enterprise will be Mr. A. R. Severn, former chief executive of the civil service commission; Mr. Ralph Stone, of the Geological Survey; Mr. O. Leadbetter, senior member of the firm of E. S. Leadbetter and Sons, wholesale druggists, of Alexandria, Virginia. The members of the company have had considerable experience in real estate operations, and their past enterprises have been carried out with marked success. Owing to the care and study given to every detail tending to make homes convenient and attractive.

The plan is that of a young Washington architect, Milton Dana Merrill, who for some years was designer of public buildings in the Treasury Department. He has made a great study of model houses and settlements, both in this country and abroad, and has equipped himself for this type of work.

For the concrete work in this new settlement, standard steel moulds have been invented, and a thousand homes may be cast by one set of these moulds, having been so designed that they are easily put up, locked together, and as easily taken down. The waste in the wood moulds and expense of building new forms for each house is eliminated. The plates are so finished that when they are unlocked from the walls the surface is perfectly smooth, requiring no plastering or other finish.

Mr. Merrill, the architect, has already built a model house as a demonstration of the practicability of his plan, this is located on Ivy street, at Brentwood, Maryland, just outside the District line.

There is a large spring of delicious water at Virginia Highlands, the property, which will be piped for use. In every way the site selected seems ideally suited to this most interesting undertaking.

A rather unique advertising feature will be employed. One of the houses will be constructed in the rough, and will be filled with combustible material, and set on fire, to demonstrate that they will not burn. This together with other novel features should afford much of public interest, during the carrying out of the work.

The officers of the company desire that Virginia Highlands shall point the way toward better houses, not only for Washingtonians, but be an example of the possibilities in home building to the thousands of visitors who annually visit our beautiful Capital City.

AMUSEMENTS.

Opera House
TONIGHT
THE GUY JOHNSON CO.
WILL PRESENT
2-Big Funny Comedy Acts-2
3 Reels Moving Pictures
Vaudeville Specialties

Prices 10c and 15c—at Warfield's.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Va., postoffice up to January 1, 1910.

Achy, Samuel	Hood, Mrs. John
Allen, Mrs. Sallie	Hyden, H. I.
Baber, Goldie O.	Johas, M. S.
Bannaker, Mary E.	Johas, Mrs.
Birch, Orlando	King, F. F.
Bish, Mrs. Alice	Lewis, Mrs. L. S.</